

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/535,527
Confirmation No.: 9351
First-Named Inventor: Aravinda Thiagalingam
Filing Date: May 26, 2006
Group Art Unit: 4137
Examiner: Jaymi Della
Attorney Docket No.: 016973-000002
Title: INTRAMURAL NEEDLE-TIPPED SURGICAL DEVICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated **June 25, 2009**, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a 3-month extension of time along with the requisite fee have been enclosed with this Response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030 but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.